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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for City of Kissimmee in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Kissimmee located at 101 Church Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741.

The funding would be used for City of Kissimmee Fire Station 15, which will house structural firefighting apparatus such as pumpers, ladder trucks and Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport ambulances alongside larger ARFF trucks. In addition, to service both the City's increasing demands for fire and EMS services, this unique station will support the growing commercial aviation business needs and demands of users of the Kissimmee Gateway Airport (ISM).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Osceola County in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Osceola County located at 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741.

The funding would be used to provide residents who live in a community bifurcated by Michigan Avenue with safer pedestrian and bicycling opportunities and will integrate a designated Historically Disadvantage Community

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for City of St. Cloud in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of St. Cloud located at 1300 9TH Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769.

The funding would be used for a joint project between the City of St Cloud and Toho Water Authority to implement the Hopkins Park Service Area Septic-to-Sewer project. The project will consist of constructing a centralized sewer collection system that is currently served by aging, privately owned septic sewer systems. Overall, the project will improve local environmental health, reduce nutrient discharges to the environment, and serve as a first step in enhancing a predominantly minority, low-income, underserved community.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for City of Orlando in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Orlando located at 400 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801.

The funding would be used to develop a new major regional park in the Lake Nona Poitras neighborhood to serve the new neighborhoods developing in the southeast sector of Orlando.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Orange County Board of County Government in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Orange County Board of County Government located at 201 S. Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801.

The funding would be used to facilitate the design and construction of Orange County's largest Floating Solar PV project and education and innovation center at the Utilities & Customer Administration Building.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Osceola County in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Osceola County located at Osceola County, 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741.

The funding would be used to construct approximately 1.103 miles of 5-ft-wide concrete sidewalks at the adjacent neighborhoods of Deerwood Elementary School. This Project is needed to provide elementary-aged school children a safe way to bicycle and walk to nearby Deerwood Elementary School and to provide residents with new recreational opportunities, further adding to a more cohesive sense of community.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for City of Haines City in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Haines City located at 620 E. Main Street, Haines City, FL 33844.

The funding would be used to replace the fire truck apparatus' which is not only critical for life safety, but a newer vehicle has a smaller carbon footprint and is much more fuel efficient than the older models that the city currently has in use. The materials used for the seat fabric are non-carcinogenic and provide a safer environment for the rescue workers.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for University of Central Florida Puerto Rico Research Hub in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Central Florida located at 12815 Scholarship Drive, Orlando, FL 32816.

The funding would be used for student participation in undergraduate research at an affordable, accessible high quality higher education institution

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Osceola Business Academy in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the School District of Osceola County located at 1200 Vermont Avenue, St. Cloud, FL 34769.

The funding would be used for innovative youth entrepreneurship education program that will create opportunities for economic prosperity by supporting programs and initiatives that build workforce skills, promote youth entrepreneurship, and expose underserved students to career pathways.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Valencia College in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Valencia College located at 1768 Park Center, Orlando, FL 32835.

The funding would be used to improve the network and infrastructure security and stability. The goals of this project are to ensure that the physical hardware has the most effective network and security monitoring software to include our network cores, cables, and other related devices. Secondly, this project will ensure that the physical hardware provides stability and continuity that does not place the institution at increased security risk.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Hope Partnership Inc. DBA Community Hope Center Inc. in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hope Partnership Inc. DBA Community Hope Center Inc. located at 2420 Old Vineland Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746.

The funding would be used to support the ongoing hotel/motel renovation project or be utilized to add additional new units to the Shingle Creek property

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for City of Winter Haven in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Winter Haven located at 1500 Lake Howard Drive, SW, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

The funding would be used to construct pedestrian facilities where none exist today along the Southwest shore of Lake Howard.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for City of Lake Wales in the fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lake Wales located at 201 W. Central Avenue, Lake Wales, FL 33853.

The funding would be used to rebuild 1st Street to correct the size of travel lanes, add a two-way cycle track / multiuse trail, rain gardens, street trees, lighting, hanging-flower baskets, enlarged sidewalks and new parallel parking. 1st Street is a critical connector, unifying the Northwest Neighborhood and Historic Downtown Lake Wales.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for City of Lake Alfred in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lake Alfred located at 155 East Pomelo Street, Lake Alfred, FL 33850.

The funding would be used to replace a fire truck. The new truck will be updated with more dependable equipment that will decrease the time spent in maintenance.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Polk County Behavioral Health Improvement Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Polk County Board of County Commissioners located at 330 W. Church Street, Bartow, FL 33830.

The funding would be used for providing the structural framework and organizational support necessary to break down silos, enhance and align crisis calls, navigation, and response, build capacity, and remove barriers to increase access to services for high-need and high-risk populations.

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